



Docket No.: 20516 US (C038435/0111694)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re Application of:* )  
Tatsuo HOSHINO et al. ) Examiner: Nashaat T. Nashed  
Serial No.: 09/727,855 ) Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: December 1, 2000 )  
For: **PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF** )  
**CAROTENOIDS AND BIOLOGICALLY** )  
**USEFUL MATERIALS THEREOF** )

New York, New York  
January 13, 2005

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO RULE 312**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance Fee(s) Due, Notice of Allowability, and Examiner's Amendment mailed October 14, 2004, and an Examiner's Interview conducted on January 4, 2005 ("Interview"). The amendment presented below embodies the correction of formal matters without adding new matter. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: January 13, 2005  
Reply to Notice of Allowance of: October 14, 2004

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 4 of this paper.